

**STARS for KIDS NOW CHILD CARE QUALITY RATING SYSTEM STANDARDS**  
**LICENSED TYPE II FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

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Curriculum	3. Current Licensing standards regarding curriculum 4. Attend an Overview of STARS for KIDS NOW 5. Posted plan of program activities 6. Posted daily schedule 7. Agree to complete FDCRS within 1 year. Improvement plan in place by 2 <sup>nd</sup> year, or appointment has been made with R&R to create a plan. 8. At least one family involvement activity annually	Level 1 requirements plus: 3. A written plan for family involvement 4. An additional family involvement activity annually (minimum of 2) 5. Completed a FDCRS with an average program score of 3. 6. Develop an annual improvement plan using technical assistance from the R&R, and within 4 years, have an average score of 4 on the FDCRS 7. Reads to children daily	Level 2 requirements plus: 3. An additional family involvement activity annually (minimum of 3) 4. An average program score of 4.5 on FDCRS 5. Must score not applicable <u>or</u> at least 5 on "Use of TV" on FDCRS (Item #24) – Provider limits use of TV to programs and video games regarded as good for children ( no more than 2 hrs/day). Activities are provided as an alternative while TV is on.	Level 3 requirements plus: 3. An additional family involvement activity annually (minimum of 4) 4. An average program score of 5.5 on FDCRS 5. Accreditation by state approved national accrediting organization
Training	9. Current Licensing standards 10. Create and implement written individual training plans for director and staff annually 11. Introduction to the KY Early Childhood Development Scholarship program	Level 1 requirements <u>and</u> 8. Home offers staff opportunity to participate in KY ECD Scholarship Program, if eligible <b>9. Director and Staff</b> have 3 additional clock hours training annually as per licensing standards (total of 15 hours) <u>or</u> Commonwealth Child Care Credential <u>or</u> CDA <u>or</u> Family Child Care Director's Credential <u>or</u> Montessori Certificate <u>or</u> A.A., B.A. (or higher) in Early Childhood/related degree	Level 2 requirements <u>and</u> 6. <b>Staff</b> have a total of 18 clock hours training annually as per licensing standards <u>or</u> Commonwealth Child Care Credential (or higher) 7. <b>Director</b> has a total of 21 clock hours training annually as per licensing standards <u>or</u> Commonwealth Child Care Credential (or higher) 8. By 4 <sup>th</sup> year of participation in STARS, director must have CDA or higher.	Level 3 requirements plus: 6. <b>Staff</b> have a total of 21 clock hours training annually as per licensing standards <u>or</u> Commonwealth Child Care Credential or higher 7. <b>Director</b> has received Family Child Care Director's Credential* <u>and</u> CDA, AA (or higher) in Early Childhood (related) degree * Prior to 7/1/04, 21 clock hours may substitute
Business Practices	12. Written program policies including: fees, holidays, vacation, late fees, illness, hours of operation, who may pick up a child, a plan for how info is shared daily with parents 13. Written Parent/Provider Agreement	Level 1 requirements plus: 10. Maintain a financial/program record-keeping system	Level 2 requirements plus: 9. Provide families with a written daily report for children age 2 and under 10. Parents are provided with a handbook that contains the program's policies.	Level 3 requirements plus: 8. Be a member of an Early Childhood professional organization
Regulatory Compliance	Current License in good standing.	Current License in good standing.	Current License in good standing.	Current License in good standing.